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Title:

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PROCESSING OF A COAL FORMATION USING

PRESSURE AND/OR

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Examiner:

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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 12, 2003**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office action of December 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 28 of this paper.